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TAGS: MARR, PFOR, GR, US

SUBJECT: GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS

1. WE AGREE TO SCENARIO DISCUSSED WITH BITSIOS, I.E.
APRIL 13 RESUMPTION OF DISCUSSIONS AT TECHNICAL LEVEL WITH
DWORKIN AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS REPRESENTING US SIDE. UNTIL
OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, INITIAL DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE
LIMITED TO NON-FINANCIAL ISSUES.

2. THREE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL WILL TRAVEL TO
ATHENS TO PARTICIPATE IN INITIAL PHASE OF TALKS. DETAILS
ARE BEING PROVIDED THROUGH DOD CHANNELS. THE EXACT NUM-
BER TO ATTEND ANY GIVEN MEETING IS LEFT TO AMBASSADOR'S
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DISCRETION. DEFENSE IS AWARE OF GREEK DESIRE TO KEEP
PARTICIPANTS TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM AND UNDERSTANDS THAT ALL
THREE INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT SIT IN ON DISCUSSIONS, AT
LEAST AT OUTSET. DEFENSE ALSO HAS SOME EXPERTS PREPARED
TO TRAVEL TO ATHENS TO COMPLEMENT THE INITIAL THREE BUT
DOD HAS AGREED THAT THEY CAN TRAVEL TO ATHENS ONLY UPON
EXPRESS REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR.

3. IN ANY PUBLIC COMMENT, WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO CHARACTERIZE

DISCUSSIONS ALONG SAME LINE AS GREEKS, I.E. "DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS" OR "CONTINUING TALKS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS" IF THE QUESTION IS RAISED. HOWEVER, WE ARE ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE QUERIED ABOUT TIMING OF RESUMPTION SINCE IT IS A KNOWN FACT THAT TALKS HAVE BEEN IN RECESS SINCE OCTOBER. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GREEKS CONTEMPLATE NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WHEN TALKS RESUME, DO YOU KNOW IF THEY ARE PREPARED TO ACKNOWLEDGE RESUMPTION OF TALKS ON APRIL 13?

4. NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS ARE IN THE FINAL CLEARANCE PROCESS AND WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY END OF THIS WEEK.

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